

## 1865 DIARY OF WILLIAM E. JONES, CO. F, 154<sup>TH</sup> NEW YORK

In 2007, Donald Wilcox of Cortland, New York, donated the 1865 diary kept by his great-grandfather William E. Jones to the Cattaraugus County Historical Museum and Library (P.O. Box 352, Machias, New York 14101) in 2007. Mark H. Dunkelman of Providence, RI, prepared this transcription in 2010. In the meantime, the diary was stolen from the museum and recovered by the police.

William Evans Jones was born on September 18, 1838, in Wales, the son of John and Jane Jones. When he immigrated to the United States is uncertain. He was 24 years of age, single, and a carriage maker when he enlisted on August 26, 1862, at Freedom, to serve three years. He was mustered in as a private in Company F of the 154<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry on September 25, 1862. Jones was one of eleven members of Freedom's Welsh community who served in the company. Jones was promoted to corporal prior to April 10, 1863. On July 1, 1863, he was captured in action at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, along with more than 200 other members of the regiment.

Ellicottville lawyer E. D. Northrup, for his planned history of the 154<sup>th</sup>, interviewed Jones in January 1893, and copied (or summarized) the entries from his diary covering the period from his capture at Gettysburg through May 1864. During that time, Jones and the regiment's other Gettysburg captives were confined on Belle Island in the James River at Richmond, and transferred in February 1864 to the prison camp at Andersonville, Georgia. Jones was paroled at an unknown date. When he began his 1865 entries, he was at home in Freedom on a leave of absence.

As the diary relates, Jones was mustered out with his company June 11, 1865 near Bladensburg, Maryland. Little is know about his postwar life. According to Franklin Ellis's *History of Cattaraugus County, New York* (Philadelphia: L. H. Everts, 1879): 395, "The carriage-works of William E. Jones, in Sandusky, were established by himself in 1867. All the leading styles of light and heavy sleighs and carriages are manufactured; 8 men are steadily employed, and the sales will amount to from \$8000 to \$10,000 per year." Jones died on November 14, 1906, and is buried in Freedom's Salem Cemetery.

January 1 (Sunday): At Home. Mr Williams Preached

January 2: Went to Arcade after the note of Foard

January 3: Went to Buffalo Received a Certificate for my commutation of Rations when I stayed over night at the Soldier Rest

January 4: At Buffalo Drawed money for my Rations \$148—went to Marilla Stayed at Mr Ford over night

January 5: Came Home from Marilla Received a letter from B John & from S D James

January 6: Soccietty the weather mild but snowy. Gave \$100 to Father to keep Went to John Rees Had good time

January 7: Cold & Stormy At Home took Mr Williams Home Made a Ring out of a new Cent

January 8 (Sunday): Elder Williams Preached from the 11 Chapter of Esaiah 11 Vers. (10 A.,.) (Fine weather) Elder James in the \_\_\_\_\_ 6 P.M. From 132 Pslam 18 Verse

January 9: At home Elder James Preached at Mr Edwards Fine weather John Came Home to night

January 10: Stormy Day Preparing for the Donation Got 1 ½ Doz Pictures By the Grace of our Heavenly Father we are all at Home Once more

January 11: Mr. Williams' Donation \$252 We hold it at Mr John Howlet

January 12: I Feel tired am Sick Cleaned the House after the Donation Roads Bad Filed up with Snow

January 13: At Home feel Some sick Went to Mr. Higgins & from there to Mr. Johns & from there to M. M. Jones Esq D stayed over Night Brother John with me

January 14: at Mr M Jones House went to Mr Richards House & Came Home Miss M. Jones with us Stormy Day the Roads fill up badly

January 15 (Sunday): Went to Salem Rev J Williams Preached Acts of the apostles 9 Ch 11 verse [Jones parenthetically adds a phrase in Welch]

January 16: cold Morning went Down to Arcade Froze my Ear. Went up to John Charles & from there to John L Jones stayed all night

January 17: Went up to John Williams & William and to the Old Folks Mrs. Williams Gave me the [Welsh phrase] went up to see Ann Charles and Down to Morgans and to \_\_\_\_\_ Hooper

January 18: Called at E Johns & to Powell Jones & to Thomas Richards & to D Richards & to E Griffis & to Edmonds and to M M Jones and to Morgan & Mr Ashley & to R Roberts and Home Mary Ann Higgins \_\_\_\_\_

January 19: At Home all Day fine weather Went to Mr Higgins \_\_\_\_\_ a Cheese Paid \$9.00

January 20: Started for Castile got there at 10 A.M. Cold Morn ticket to Elmira \$2.80 Behind time at Homeville Got to Elmira 5 P.M. Got transportation to Baltimore \$5.28

January 21: Started for Baltimore 5 A.M. Delayed at Troy P.A. Cars froze on the track. 3 miles from Dauphin a Smash up two men Killed. Walk three miles. Got to Baltimore at Daylight. How Mercyfull My Heavenly Father Has been to me to Day in Sparing my life

January 22 (Sunday): Got to Baltimore at Daylight Got Breakfast \$0.50 ticket for Washington \$1.50 Stopt at the Soldier Home Sanitary Com went around the Capital

January 23: At Washington. Went to the Pattend Office Maild a Package to Arthur M Roberts the weather some rainy.

January 24: At Washington at Quarter Pas 8 A.M. Started for Annapolis Got there at 11 A.M. Pretty Cold 2 inches of Snow Could not find mt Blanket Send a letter Home

January 25: In the Exchange Barracks at Annapolis M.D. Pretty Cold. Wrote a letter to Mr. Higgins Went to meeting in the Evening Had a very good Meeting Very uneasy in my mind

January 26: Still in Exchange B at Ann Beautifull morning. Every thing looks Beautifull But one thought of Her & My Heart sinks to Darkness. Called out to go of and send Back. (Cold) Draught a Blanket. Temperance meeting

January 27: This Morning very Cold. I Have a very Bad Head ache. Cauled out to go off but Had to go Back to our Baracks.

January 28: Cold Day (quit Sick) Gerge B Bought me some milk

January 29 (Sunday): The weather little more Moderit Still at Camp Parole wrote a letter to T S Jones In the Evening went to Church and heard Elder Dalily Young man Preached the text Show thy self a man the words of David to Sol

January 30: Still at Camp Parole I feel some better to Day the wheather Some what mor moderate. Received a letter from Brother John Maild one to Him and one to Sister Ellen. Went to Meeting

January 31: The Wheather Some what Milder Quit muddy under feet. I have quit a Pain in my limbs feel Pretty Sick No Appetite. Got our Furlough approved of so we can Draw our commutation of Rations while at Home

February 1: quit Sick this morning \_\_\_\_\_ of Pain. Got a quart of milk. Ate some Black Berries

February 2: I think I feel some better this Morning The weather quite Pleasant Had a very good Temperance meeting and I signed the Pledge

February 3: Sufferd much with Pain in my legs Cold morning Saw Robert Blair and \_\_\_\_\_ went to meeting

February 4: Fine weather wrote a letter to Sister Ann The mud is quit Deep Went to Meeting

February 5 (Sunday): The weather is very Fine this morning Phreaching in the forenoon Text Math 6 ch 33 Verse A very good Sermon Communion in the afternoon. A blessed Season. I commence Reading the Bible. Sermon in the Evening from the same Text as in the morning.

February 6: Feeling quit wel this morning The weather quit Pleasant Wrote a letter to Sister Ellen Bought me a Gold Pen and Pencil for \$2.50 went to meeting Had a very good meeting. A Sermon from

February 7: Snowing a little this morning wrote a letter to Mary Higgins Went to meeting Had a very good Meeting

February 8: considerable Snow on the Ground. Orders to be ready to go away in the morning at 6 A.M.

February 9: Got up at 5 A.M. got Ready and Started off at 6 A.M. on the Cars to Annapolis Junction and from there to Washington and from there on flat Cars to Camp Distribution Went to a concert

February 10: At Camp Distribution the weather quit cool went to meeting in the Evening

February 11: At Camp Distribution Fine morning. Went to meeting in the Evening

February 12 (Sunday): At Camp Distribution. It snows some this morning. Went to Meeting in the Forenoon. Cold Day went to meeting in the Evening. Text John 7 Ch Come unto me all ye that thirst and Drink of the watter of life freely

February 13: Cold morning Cauled out to work.

February 14: cold morning Went to meeting in the Evening Conn man Preached from the Parables of the Unjust Judge & Pharesee & the Publican. Mr. Castler from NY spoke and valentine from Washington

February 15: Rainy morning went to Washington on a Pass to Draw commutation on my Furlough rained all Day Had to walk all the way Back

February 16: at Camp Distribution Feel Stiff and tired after our journey yesterday

February 17: at Camp Distribution Foggy morning. It Rained Some Meeting in the Evening. Sermon Heb 2 – So Great Salvation, Great in its Conception, Execution Application & in Effect.

February 18: Two thousand men went away this morning. The weather quit Fair

February 19 (Sunday): At Camp Distribution Pleasant Day. Went to Meeting in the Evening. The text 1 Kings 18=21 more convalescent came in

February 20: Fine morning went to meeting in the Evening. Elder Fisher made some good Remarks on the last chapter of Revelation

February 21: Soldiers Belonging to the Army of the Pottomac Sent of Pleasant Morning. Newes of the Evacuation of Charlton & Columbia S.C. Orders to Be Ready at 3 o clock in the mor Got up at two and Eat Bre at three

February 22: At 5 Started for Alexan'd fine M Got on the Boat Detaild for Corporal of the Guard. On Board of the Boat at 9 A.M. Started at 2 P.M. Passed Fort Washington. 3 men Drunk 2 of them Handcuffed and one tied with Rope. Anchored for the night

February 23: Started at Daylight 2 men Reliesed. A fight Put the Han cuffs on one and locked him Up. Rainy and Foggy. Stoped on account of the fogg. Drawed a loaf of Bread

February 24: Started Before Day light cold mornind. Somewhat Rough Drawed Some Bread. Some of Us Begin to Heave up. Rained in the night I was Pretty sick

February 25: Going quit Fast and the Sea Somewhat rough At 10 A.M. the wind was more Calm Cleared off Pleasant Some Showers of Rain. Sun Shines I feel some Better. Rough night

February 26 (Sunday): Quit Rough Some Shours I feel quit Sick. 10 P.M. Past a ship and a light House. This Boat is the Steam Ship Ericsson

February 27: Foggy morning (went and Eat my Breakfast \$0.35) Cleared off Pleasant Foggy again Cleared up land in Site Went and got my Dinner \$0.75 Anchored in Site of Hilton Head at 5 P.M. Foggy & Rainy Staid on Boat over night

February 28: Misty kind of morning about 12 went on Board of a tugg and landed at Hilton head Put us in a Kind of a Bull Pen Some Rebel Officers in the Baracks Drawed a loaf of Bread Turned us off from the Stoop Sergt of the guard took us in. Rainy night

March 1: At Hilton Head wet morning Got some coffee and meat at 11 A.M. Drawed a loaf of Bread and started off Mett with Capt [Harrison] Cheney on the Boat. Took us up Broad River to Blair landing. There I met with my old Friend Mr [William] Charles [sergeant, Company F] Staid with Him over night.

March 2: At Blair landing Major Cheney and I went to Camp to see the Boys Got detailed for Duty with the Hospital. Some refugees came in. Some robbing Done

March 3: At Camp Blairs landing wrote a letter to Sister Ellen. The weather quit warm We was mustered in. Some sick men send off. Two Boat load came in

March 4: Blairs landing. Some Rain Build a Shimney for the Hospital

March 5 (Sunday): Fine Day Had to work Some on a Cook House for the Hospital Some Sick send off on the Boat. The Chaplin Didin to Preach because it was to cold Some contrabands came in

March 6: Pleasant Morning worked on a Chimney. Boat came up 3 Rebs Brought in two came up one loaded with troops and the other with Provision

March 7: The Boats left Pleasant Day Some Contrebands came in and were send away worked on the Cooks Shanty Some White Refugees Came at night 6 or 7 women & 3 or 4 Children and one white man

March 8: A little Rain Boat came up load with tropes A Heavy Rain Storm. The Hooker came up with a load of troops Some more Contrabands Came in some Deserters Caught & brought back Bureyed one of the Small Pocks men

March 9: Went Down to the Head with Some Sick (Frozen Feet) Wet Day and Foggy. Returned at 10 P.M. Bought Some Bread and tobacco. More Contrabands Come in and some mules &c Thunder Storm Sharp Lightning

March 10: Wet morning Some more Sick going away More Contrabands Came in Cleared off. The Neptune Came up with more Soldiers Cold Evening. Put up some Hospital tents.

March 11: Quit Cold but Pleasant 2 Men Burryed one Boy 15 Years old & Died of the Small Pox Made Some Ax Helves and a Bunk for 2 Doctors Somewhat windy in the after noon. Capt [Arthur] Hotchkiss arrived

March 12 (Sunday): Pleasant morning Went up to see the Boys Some sick went off Sermon at 4 P.M. hear the H text The Thief's Prayer on the cross and the answer. It was a very good sermon. Chaplin Woodworth –

March 13: Fine Morning went up the River for Some lumber. Got stuck two men died one of the Small Pox Some more Sick Sent off Rumor of an attack at Pocotaligo Bridge By Wheeler's Cavalry Peach trees in Bloom.

March 14: Warm But cloudy A little Rain. Fixed our Shanty. An alligator Killed. The Hooker came up with more troops

March 15: Cloudy Morning made a \_\_\_\_\_ table for a Doctor & one for our Selves. A Bunk for Major Smith Moved a Hospital tent. Worked on a manger. Some more

Contrabands & Some Prisoners Reading and Explaining the 14 Chap of John by W Charles & myself

March 16: Quit windy A thunder Storm Hard Rain. Fix a table for the Doctors. Take off a \_\_\_\_\_ and Put it up for a tent. The Hooker came up with more troops. Some niggers came in and two P \_\_\_\_\_

March 17: Fine morning Some Sick were sent off with the Hooker Made some \_\_\_\_\_ for the Hospital warm day

March 18: Head Ache. Hooker up But no news (went Back) Pleasant Day Put up some Benches in the Cook House Put up a tent for Major \_\_\_\_\_

March 19 (Sunday): Pleasant Day the Hooker came up. Good news Some of the Johnneys came Back from the Head after taken the oath. Some more Contrabands Came in and Refugees Hooker went Back Man Died of the Small Pox

March 20: Fine Morning went Down the River 2 miles after fire wood Hot Day the Hooker came up with Prevision & more Contraband Came in

March 21: the Hooker went Back Cloudy Dug two Sinks & Put a tent up for Maij Jones and \_\_\_\_\_ in two & others and one Bunk Squad of Contrabands Came in Some 4 Prisoners. Quit a Rain the Hooker came up one man Buried of the Small Pox

March 22: Cold Morning North west wind Doct. Thomas wife Here. The Hooker went Back. Work on the tables and Bunks – warm Day – 2 Darkeys Came in one Badley wounded we one His supper. A transport up.

March 23: About a thousand went off Fine Morning Drawed Pair of Pants & Ruber Blanket. Windy Day. Made 2 Chairs Some More Contrabands. Help Put Up a tent for Doc Thomas. Hooker came up but no news. Drawed 8 Days Raitions. Some Johnneys Staid with us

March 24: Cold morning the Hooker layes at the Wharf all Day Nothing Done to Day Quit windy all Day a Fight among Some of the Guards of the Provost

March 25: pleasant morning. Some sick Sent of on the Hooker & some niggers A Coulerd woman Burryed. Fix Both of my Pants. Fixed the Wheel. 9 P.M. the Hooker came up But no news

March 26 (Sunday): A Fine Day went up to the 20 A.C. Camp. A sermon By the old Chaplin at 4 P.M. – Text Math 6.24. the three leading Heads The Contrast Between the to Masters. Their Servisces & Reward. The Hooker went Down.

March 27: Fine morning washed our Close Drawed some Beaf Some went after wood Some niggers came in

March 28: A Boat Came up with Some Mail. Went Back and took Some Sick and Contrabands Rainy Day. Build a shanty At the Small Pox Hospital Some Johnneys came in

March 29: Some Rain the Seylph Came up not much mail Went Back in the Evening and Thomas's men on Her and some Contrabands an Refugees

March 30: Rainy morning Dug a Grave the man Died from the Small Pox. Went out In the woods about three miles – A Boat Came up Some troops from the Hospital Her name the Golden Gate

March 31: Windy Morning. Golden Gate went Down the River more Johnneys & Contrabands came in. Made two Chairs. Wm Charles went out into the country Drawed Rations 5 Days

April 1: Windy = the Boat came up with Some Cattle & Sheep A Man Burreyd from the Small Pox Hospital. Some Sick went of & Nigroes Quiet Bad Head Ache

April 2 (Sunday): Pleasant Day But very lonsome Boat came up Chaplin Woodsworth Preached at 4 P.M. near the Hospital From Mark 1<sup>st</sup> What we should watch for

April 3: A Boat Came up with 190 men. The weather quit Pleasant 400 to 500 of the 2 A.C. went of on the Golden Gate No mail yet. The nats bother us very Bad

April 4: A Fine morning \_\_\_\_\_ Contrabands Came in, and a Boat load went Down the River Flat Boat The Remainder of the 20 A.C. went of on the Nelly Baker

April 5: More Contrabands – about 80 in all – 4 or 5 Rebs Prisoners Warm but quit windy Nelly Barker came up after more troops Part of the 14 A C went off Beautiful Evening

April 6: Boat came up with the Mail and went Back with troops First News of Brother John missing in a letter from Sister Ellen Windy & Cloudy Some Reffugees Boat went Back with the Sicvk

April 7: Fine Day & Cloudy. Oh how i wish that I could Here About Brother John! The Boat Came up But no letter. 3 Rebel Prisoners were Brought in. William Charles somewhat Sick. The Boat went Down and took the sick to the Coulest P

April 8: Cloudy Day Burried a Coulerd man Packed up. Two Boats came up one went Down with the Qr M Store & the Small Pock men \_\_\_\_\_ I Have give up all Hopes of Brother John

April 9 (Sunday): Pack up at 4 A.M. on Board of the \_ylph at ½ Pas 8. Went Down to the Champoon at 10 At the mouth of Broad River At 3 P.M. Started. Rainy Day Sailed into the Bay and \_\_\_\_\_

April 10: Run up to the Dock and loaded men & Horses and Provisions went a shore after water warm day Started at ½ Past Five

April 11: The weather quit fine Pretty bad Head ache We came in Site of land at 2 P.M. Stopted at 4 P.M. Stayed there all night

April 12: Got Stuck Between Fort Caswell & Smith Island. Got loose and went on Passed a Rebel Ram. Weny By Fort Fisher Saw a Ship sunk Arived at Wilmington at 12 A.M. Layed on the Docks all the afternoon Mooved up town an Put up our tent Pilot came a board

April 13: Pleasant morning. Good news Running a round the town

April 14: Cold morning Good news the surrender of Lee and salute Fired On Riseing of the Flag on Fort Sumpter. Fire works in the Evening.

April 15: Cloudy and some what Rainy. Orders to be Ready two morrow morning Expressed my Over Coat \_\_\_\_\_

April 16 (Sunday): Fine morning oh How I wish I was to Home Went to Sunday School to the Baptist House Servisces at the Presbyterian Started off to Camp at two P.M. Stayed over night

April 17: Up at Day light and took Breakfast and started off at 6 A.M. – Traveld 18 M and stopt for the night near a small church. The weather quit Pleasant Got my Knapsack Carried. Pretty tired. (White Creek Church)

April 18: Up Before Daylight Started 5 A.M. Pas Mount Holly Church. Got some Butter milk for crackrs Bad Places in the Road (Hook - Field – Washington & Rockfish Creek – Stopt at a Church Rock Ram in the night Fish

April 19: Started from Rock Fish Church at 6 A.M. Passed another Ch\_\_\_ Saw some Rye Headed out some Good Farms Got a Piece of Corn Bread Stopt for Dinner. One four men tied in the woods By the Gurrillias Drawed two Days Raitions. Stopt over night about a mile from New Hope Church

April 20: Rainy morning went passed N. to C. the Road very wet Swampy land Crossed a Plank Road. Stopt for Dinner Hard M Started after an Hour Past some Good Farms. News of Peace. I am very tired Had to wade a River Camp close by it

April 21: Started Early Got Some Buttermilk of a Rebel (Stopt at a Quaker House to Get watter. Camp for Dinner near a sawmill and a Grist Mill. Camp for the night within three miles of town near a Breastwork a little Rain

April 22: Fine morning Started at 8 A.M. and went about a mile the other side of town went into town Got some soft Bread Cross the News [Neuse] River this Morn Drawed 4 Days Rations

April 23 (Sunday): Cold morning Started for Raleigh Cross the little River took the Rail Road Got to the first Station traveld 14 and stopet for Dinner at a wagon shop on the way again at \_\_\_\_\_ Sold some meat went to Smithfield Station and campet for the night = 22 miles

April 24: Pretty cold morning. Got on to a train at 8 A.M. and started Stopet at Clayden Started and Stopt the Engine left us for 3 Hours. Started and Got to Raleigh at 5 P.M. Got to our Regt found D Williams [Pvt. David J. Williams, Co. F] W Davis [Pvt. William M. Davis, Co. F], and 12 letters.

April 25: Started of on a march Hot day quit Rough Road. Stopt for Dinner. Start and traveld quit Fast Marched 12 or 13 M Stopt for the night in a Piece of woods. Pretty tired

April 26: Fine morning Drawed some Raitions Saw \_\_\_\_\_ & Bil James [Pvt. William P. James, Co. F] George Lewis Nothing Done to Day wrote a long letter to Father But no Chance to Send it off

April 27: Pleasant Day – Went over to see Wm Charles & W. James. Orders to move Back to Raleigh Head Quarters and the Waggon train goen

April 28: Up at 4 A.M. Started for Raleigh I Had a Job of Loading the \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Day Some Shows the news of Johnson surrendering His army Confirmed Drawed Raitions Stopt at the Old Camp

April 29: Fine morning Went to Wm Davis. Orders to march at 7 A.M. to morrow morning Some Rain in the night

April 30 (Sunday): Sunday morning up at Day light Got Ready Started at 7 A.M. went through Raleigh Stop for Dinner 12 from town was musterd in for Pay Hot Fay Cross the News [Neuse] at Camp mile & Half beond Bridge is Broke.

May 1: A little Rain up at Half P 3 & Started at Day light. Warm a little Rain traveled Pretty good \_\_\_\_\_ Stop for Dinner Cross the tar River traveld 23 M and Stopt for the night Drawed some Beaf and three Days Raitions of Bread & Sugar & Coffee & Salt saw some Good land

May 2: Started at 5 A.M. fine morning we went as a train Guard Hard M Stop for Dinner traveld 20 miles and stopet over night. Came Past number Churches School Houses felt quit tired feet sore Saw some very Good Farms to Day. Roads Good

May 3: Started at Day light march very Fast went through Williams Port N.C. \_\_\_\_\_ cool morning Cross the Railroad at \_\_\_\_\_ ownvile Past Reeds Store Stopt within 4 miles of the Rhoneoak [Roanoke] River traveled 12 miles Stop at 11 A.M.

May 4: Up at Half Pas three O Clock in the morning crossed the Rhoneoak R at Tailors Ferree on a Pontoon Bridge Hot Day Stopt 1 ½ Hour for Dinner on the Pettersburg Plank R. Stopt for the night after traveling 22 M Drawed 3 Days Raitions of Sugar Coffee & Salt & Bread – I was Pretty tired

May 5: up at Day light Started at 7 A.M. a little Rain. Crossed the Meherrin River at Saffold Bridge Stopt for Dinner at Flat Rock (Hard \_\_\_\_\_) Hott Day traveled 18 M and stop for the night Drawed 1 Days Raitions of Backon. Felt \_\_\_\_\_ on tired traveld on the Plank Road

May 6: Up at Half Pass three in the morning Started at ½ Passed 5. Went about 1 ½ M and stopt 2 or three Hours Started went cross the Big Nottoway. Stopt for Dinner at little Nottoway on the North Side. Came by Nottoway Foundry \_\_\_\_\_ Establishment \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_!) Came to the Railroad at Black & White Station traveld about 13 miles & stopt for the night

May 7 (Sunday): Started From Wilson's Station at 6 A.M. Stopt for Dinner near – Cross Roads Some signs of some Fighting along Here Went to a House & Got Some milk Cross the Appromatox [Appomattox] River. Stop near for the night Drawed Raitions until the 10 in

May 8: Started at 6 A.M. the weather quit warm. Was with the wagon train went by Clover Hill Coal Mines. Stopt for Dinner Great Fire in the woods. Traveld 23 Miles and stopt for the night. Bought Some Eggs & Bread & Butter milk Wm James & myself Some Rain Bad spots in the Roads

May 9: A little Rain. Struck tents & started at 9 A.M. Went about 2 M and Stopt camp near Creek. Went in Swimming Drawed to Days Raitions of Meat Coffee Sugar & Bread and some Soap. Orders to move Early to morrow morning

May 10: Up at Day light David Williams Started to go to the watter But Had to Come Back Prospect of staying Here 3 or 4 Days. Cloudy Day Orders to march to morrow morning at ten A.M.

May 11: Fine Morning Struck tents and Got Ready to Start at 10 A.M. went through Richmond. Cross the James River on Pontoons – Bought Some Cake & Biscuits The City very much Distroyed. Traveled about 12 miles. Camp for the nigh 4 miles from the city Great \_\_\_\_\_ & Rain Storm Good Farms N of Richmond

May 12: Cool morning. Started at 7 A.M. on the Pike left the Pike – Bad Roads Cross the Chickahominy River & the Swamp too the telagraph – Stop for the night at Ashland Station – Bought some flower – Drawed 3 Days R of Coffee & Sugar 1 of meat 13 miles

May 13: Cool morning Started at 8 A.M. Bad Roads came through Hanover \_\_\_\_\_ - Cross South Anna Hughes Blunt Cross A Little River Came by York Church. Had some Good Road. Pleasant Day Crossed the little River and camp for the night 15 M.

May 14 (Sunday): Started at Half Past 5 A.M. Past a Church Crossed the North Anna R Crossed a little creek and stopt for Dinner. Met the 14 A.C. the Passed from the Right to the left traveld 18 M – and stopt for the night 6 M from Spotsylvania C.H. Drawed Beef

May 15: Started 6 A.M. Crossed the Pau R. went through Spot'a C.H. Great works on the Battle Field Crossed a little Broke and stop for Dinner. Passed a Church Struck a Plank Road Passed Chancellorsville House Stop for an Hour. Went Cross the Rapp. R and camp for the night

May 16: Started at 5 A.M. Came By the Gold Mine and Pass Hartwood Church. Stop for Dinner Hot went through White Ridge traveld 20 Miles and camp for the night on a Hill. Very near Played out Hott Day. \_\_\_\_\_ Our Division a Head this morning

May 17: Started at 5 A.M. went in Site of Cattlet Staition left Weaverville to the left. Hott Day Marched 15 M and stop for the night. Did not Stopt For Dinner. Got Canteen of milk and some Corn Bread Stopt at Branchvile

May 18: Started from Branchvile at 9 A.M. Cross Broad Run Stopt for Dinner Cross Bull Run thunder shower Got into camp after Dark Heavy Rain Roads muddy traveled 12 M

May 19: Start at 7 A.M. Came through Fairfax Staition. Stopt for Dinner on the Fairfax Pike near where we camp the first night Going from Arlington to Fairfax. Camp near Fairfax Semenary after traveling 14 miles lowry Day Some Rain

May 20: Lowry morning Bought a watch of M. Griswold [Sgt. Milon J. Griswold, Co. F] for \$20. Paid ten Down and I am to Pay ten on Pay Day or when we are Paid off

May 21 (Sunday): Rainy Day Layed in Camp

May 22: Rainy morning Had considerable Head ache Arcade Folks in the Regt

May 23: Fine morning Drawed Clothing 1 Pants 2 Shirts 2 Drawers 1 Blouse warm Day

May 24: Up at Day light felt somewhat Sick Started off for the Reviwe. Went through Washington Did not go with the Colm. Went three miles and Camp near Fort Thayer

May 25: went off to the 9 Cavalry The boys all back in the Sheanandoa Valey. Moved Camp near the Rail Road. The weather quit Pleasant

May 26: Rainy morning. Policed the camp Continued to Rain all Day Drawed Raitions One Day of Soft Bread & 3 Days of Sugar & Coffee Three of Hard Bread Rained all night

May 27: Rainy morning Finished my letter to Father Stop Raining in the after noon

May 28 (Sunday): Moved camp on the other Side of the Rail Road Pleasant Day Saw James William \_\_\_\_\_ wrote a letter to John Parry W. Charles some what sick Some rain to night

May 29: Fine morning Sheridan Cavalry Back cross the Pottomack. Warm Day Drawed one Days Raitions of Soft Bread

May 30: Pleasant morning Reviewed by Governor Fenton and General Geary \_\_\_\_\_ and Battle Flag presented to us Drawed 1 canteen 1 Pair of Drawers

May 31: Up Early Got Breakfast Wm Charles & myself went to Washington City to the Capitol & Navy Yard & White Tressury Department Patent Office – Markett & - Smithsonian Institute. Drawed 5 Days R of Coffee & Sugar Salt moved camp

June 1: Fine Morning Put up a Shade at our tent worked some on a Star Helpt Wm Charles to Clean \_\_\_ Revolvers Hott Day

June 2: Pleasant morning made a Star for the Quarter Master [Edgar Shannon] Hott Day Dress Parade To Be on Duty to night

June 3: Fine morning Wrote a letter. Went and washed myself in the north Branch of the Pottomac Sanitary Agent came with Some goods got a little thread

June 4 (Sunday): Pleasant morning Wrote a letter to Sister Ellen Read some in the Bible The weather very Hott

June 5: Pleasant morning Cleand up an Old gun the weather Hott and Sultry Washed a \_\_\_\_\_ and Par of Drawers towel & Par of socks Pocket Hankerchif Drawed 5 Days Raitions

June 6: Look much like Rain Cloudy Day Went up to Fort Lincon. A Great Construction Large Guns

June 7: Cloudy Morning = Pain in my Head Warm Day Great Day \_\_\_\_\_ Got \_\_\_\_\_ Wm Charles quit Sick

June 8: \_\_\_\_\_ Morning \_\_\_\_\_ Started Home The sun quit Hott thunder at a distance

June 9: Fine morning Clouded up Some indicating of a Storm 33d Regt Jersey & 73 Regt P.A. moved away Bil James Came to the Regt.

June 10: Somewhat Cloudy warm 134 Regt. Musterd out Some Rain. Good Feast of Bread & milk Wm Charles wrote a letter to J W Jones Concerning a P.R.A.

June 11 (Sunday): Cloudy morning Went to Head quarters 2 Division to Be musterd out of Uncle Sam Service Hott afternoon. Dress Parade

June 12: Cloudy morning 134 N.Y. Regt went of this morning too Home Orders to be ready at one. Halt Got our Knapsacks Carried Started from Washington at 11 P.M. Got to Baltimore at Day light.

June 13: Went to the Soldiers Home and got some Coffee and Bread marched From there to the Southwestern Depot Sun was Hott Got on the cars at 11 A.M. Past Harrisburg at 6 P.M.

June 14: Williamsport at Day light. Saw a train full of Rebs goin Home Got to Elmaira at 12 A.M. Got our Dinner at Sanitary House took us near Baracks Number 3 and camp

June 15: Some Rain last night Cloudy & cold wrote a letter Home and Recd one from B. John – Mother very Sick Started Home at 3 P.M. Got to Cuba

June 16: 1 ½ A.M. – Hired a team with Mr. Lawrence to \_\_\_\_\_ Got there ½ Past 5 A.M. Walk Home Got there at 8 A.M. Found Mother very down Due Mr Lawrence \$4.30. Went down to S\_\_\_\_\_ with Father & got some \_\_\_\_\_

June 17: At Home G \_ Johns Came Here Mother a little Easer Hott & Sultry

June 18 (Sunday): Cloudy and a thunder Storm Some Rain Staid at Home all Day. Number visiter. Mother Seems to be a little Better

June 19: Started for Cuba at 2 A.M. Mr. Rounce Carried us there with his team Got there at 7 A.M. Paid Mr. R \$6.00. Breakfast \$1.50 Mother about the Same ticket to Elmaira \$3.40 Arived at Elmaira 4 ½ P.M. \_\_\_\_\_ Some Rain

June 20: Cloudy & Rainy Morning Bill Williams Came to the Regt \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon

June 21: Some Foggy this morning Quit warm twards Noon went Down town Signed the Pay Roll Quit a Heavy Shower of Rain Bill Williams Started Home Some Rain in the night

June 22: Some wet this morning went Down town and picked out Some Close Bought Some Rings of \_\_\_\_\_ 5 for \$2.00 Shower of Rain 6 P.M. – Some Fun in Pitching Quates Col. [Lewis D.] Warner made his last address

June 23: Fine morning Pitching queates to Pass away the time. Got our Pay Half Pass three P.M. \$592.75 Paid \$40 for Suit of Clothes \$4 for a Duster Lend John \$42.50 Started for Home Got to Portage at 12 P.M.

June 24: Hired a team and went to Castile went to Bed and Slept until morning Wm Charles Wm P. James and Captain [Harrison] Cheney & Ben Homes arrived [Pvt. Eber Benjamin Holmes, Co. D] and Mr. Rownce Came Affter us Arived at Sandusky at 12 P.M. Found Mother About the Same

June 25 (Sunday): Warm Day Johs Edwards Mother Burried Mr. Williams Preached at Salem From John 32+13 And in English in Welsh from from Genesis – [Welsh phrase] Bethel went to M = Higgins

June 26: Cloudy Morning Some Rain A visit with Wm Charles & Wife & Mr. Hooper & Wife Made me a Ring from a Shell Fuse

June 27: Cloudy & Windy Worked ½ Day on the Road D Richards & T T Jones came Here B Parry & Wife Mrs. Jane Williams & Jane Ann aple trees man Dr. [Dwight W.] Day & Chase.

June 28: Pleasant morning John went Down to Elmaira for His Discharge I went to Fairviwe Horse Back & Paid Lawrence what I owed Him Stopt to John Parrys & Wm Charles, Wm Davis & Edmunds \_\_\_\_\_ L Jones & William Williams \_\_\_\_\_ Stayed there to Supper a little Rain Mother about the same

June 29: I went Down to Aecade Bought a \$100 worth of Sugar \$2.50 of Corn Meal Pretty warm Day Went Down Stopt at M. M. Jones. Hard wind and Rain Mother a little worse

June 30: Went Down to the Corner Stopt at J. Hooper L. Griffis J Crossman & A Crossman & J Richards & E Johns & D. P. Hooper Worked some on the Seller Some Rain in the morning Stayed all night

July 1: At Mr Hoopers Help Mr. Ri \_\_\_\_\_ make a Door Frame stopt till after Dinner. Started for Home Stopt at D. James and Mrs. Ashleys. Come Home Mother considerable worse Some Rain

July 2 (Sunday): Rainy Morning Mother about the Same John Came Home Elder Williams Preached at Salem Some Rain S. Charles Here Prayer Meeting at Salem We all went Ex Father & Ann & Mother Quit Cold

July 3: Fine morning Settled with Bixby. Paid Him \$3.45 Got My Bench Home Commenced Haying Gave \$5.00 of fo to Buy Dishes. Mr. & Mrs. Williams up. Mr Charles & Mrs Charles Jane Lewis & Betty Jones. Prayer Meeting Mother not so well

July 4: Look very much like Rain Stayed at Home Made a \_ill For Father's wagon and a Rake Head went to the woods to Hunt a little Did not kill much. O. Cross\_\_ & Wife Here. Had no [a passage in Welsh ensues, which carries over into July 5.]

July 5: [Welsh passages ends. Jones's mother died.] She very Happy She had a Friend that wood not leave Her [Another passage in Welsh.]

July 6: This is a Sobr Morning for us all. To Day we have no mother to take Care of. But to Get a Coffin For Her And A Shroud and to Have the Grave Dug. The Wheather quit warm Susan C. & J. Morgan Stayed up All Night

July 7: [Passage in Welsh, apparently referring to the funeral service for Jones's mother. Includes references to Mr. Williams, Elder Thomas, Elder James, and Bible verses.] M M Jones came up

July 8: Home Paid Lanctons for the Mothers Coffin \$23.00. Ann & I went to Arcade & to Yorkshire Corner Bought Some Black Calico Carried Laura Higgins Home took Ellen with me Got Margaret & P. \_\_\_\_\_ Drewed 2 loads of Hay in

July 9 (Sunday): [Welsh phrase.] We All went to Church Elder Williams Preach 1 Samuel 30: 6 A Very good Sermon But our Dear Mother was not there. Father Some what Sick Mr. Hooper Came to our House Had a good times talking about Our Mother went to Church \_\_\_\_\_ 11 Gal Next to the last verse

[Note: Jones's entries continue until the end of the year. They chronicle his work—much of which was done for neighbors—and financial matters. Some entries of interest follow.]

July 23 (Sunday): Cloudy morning went to meeting Mr. Williams Preached Mother Funeral Sermon Texed Amos 4=12 . . .

July 25: Van amburg's Caravan wen in to See the wild children and the fat woman and the nigger shows and the \_\_\_\_\_

August 21: Fine Morning Brother John went off to the Oil Digging . . .

September 21: At Home Fixed Mr. Round's Buggy Went up and Visit David Williams Paid Him \$1.50 For Digging Mothers Grave . . .

September 24: Fine morning Annual meeting of the Bible Society Elder Thomas & D. P. Hooper And Elder Williams L lectured A very good meeting. Hard Rain. Rob at Home

October 10: wrote a letter to John Send a Book Back to Kate Williams Commence working for Mr. [A. J.] Adams \$2.25 Per Day Bought a suit of clothes at \_\_\_\_\_ at Arcade \$18.00 Paid Doct Day \$10.75. Worked Half a Day. [Jones worked for Adams in Sardinia almost daily (excluding Sundays) through the end of the year, making 55 ¼ days total.]